categories of S.O.(A), A.A.O., A.O.A.C. D.A., Clerks and Auditors, in the Defence Accounts Department;

(b) whether there is any backlog for SC|ST in the above mentioned categories; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to fill up the backlog and whether any special drive is being launched in the near future for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) The number of SC|ST and general categories persons employed in these categories is 2,444 and 10,191 respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A special drive has already been launched to fill up the backlog.

Group C and D Posts in AIIMS, New Delhi

*307. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Group 'C' and 'D' posts are lying vacant in the R.P. Centre of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details of each post, since when the same have been lying vacant and the number of those of unreserved category; the number of those for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and physically handicapped persons and what action has been taken to fill up the said vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi have reported that 59 posts in various categories of Group 'C' and 'D' are lying vacant at Dr. R.P. Centre of AIIMS.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 151]

Health Guide Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

*308. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Health Guide Scheme was introduced in Andhra Pradesh in 1977 with hundred per cent assistance by the Central Government; if so, whether Government have been releasing the said funds regularly and in time;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof for the last three years and the amount still due to the State Government under the said scheme;

(c) whether Government have decided to alter and curtail the financial pattern of the said scheme;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to continue the said scheme as before, as demanded by the State Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) :(a) In 1977, the Community Health Workers (Jan Swasthya Rakshak) Scheme as a part of the Plan for Health Care Services in rural areas was launched as 100 per cent Centrally Sponsored Scheme, all over the country, including Andhra Pradesh. Subsequently in 1979, the Scheme was included in the category entitled for 50 per cent Central assistance. After a detailed review during 1980, the

scheme was included under Family Welfare Programme and 100 per cent Central assistance was resumed. Funds have been released every year in four quarterly instalments.

(b) During the period from 1986-87 and to 1988-89, the Central assistance released to the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and the expenditure reported by the State is as under:

Years	Central Assistance Released	Expenditure reported by the State Govt.
	(Rs. in lakhs)	*(Rs. in lakhs)*
Amount remaining unspent with the State Govt. as on 1-4-86 out of Central Assistance released during previous years.	29.27	
1986-87	217.46	291.03
1987-88	157.80	338.49
1988-89	206.32	246.46
TOTAL	610.85	875.98

The outstanding dues which are claimed by any particular State for any particular scheme are examined as a part of total expenditure incurred under the Family Welfare Programme as a whole Arrears claimed for payment by Government of Andhra Pradesh since 1981 onwards have not been finalised due to non receipt of audited figures of expenditure.

(c) to (f) The Government has constituted a Task Force to examine in detail the Village Health Guide Scheme including the pattern of financial assistance. The report of the Task Force is under examination.

Indus Valley Script found in Lothal Excavations

*309. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indus Valley script found recently in the inscriptions in the course of excavations at the ancient port town of Lothal, has been deciphered;

(b) if so, whether the Scientists in the National Institute of Oceanography in India and abroad have been able to decipher some of the code words of the Indus Valley language, which refer to constellations, weather, plant and animal life;

(c) if so, the results achieved so far in this regard;

(d) whether at proto-Indo-European language, similar to that of the script, found at Lothal, is also being considered for use in the development of a future official language of space stations, worldwide and for communications with extra-terrestrial life, through the space stations; and

(e) if so, the progress made so far in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to(c) Efforts have been made to decipher inscriptions written in Indus script found at Lothal and other Harappan sites by various scholars but the readings proposed by